

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A filing notebook comprising:
 - a cover including a front leaf and a back leaf;
 - a binder joining the front and back leaves together;
 - inner notebook pages connected to the binder between the front and back leaves, wherein the notebook pages are detachable; and
 - inner separation sheets with tabs inseparably connected to the binder for filing notebook pages separated from the binder between adjacent inner separation sheets of the notebook, wherein the inner separation sheets are located between the notebook pages of the notebook and one of the front and back leaves; and
 - at least one closing means including an elastic band fastened by rivets to one of the front and back leaves via eyelets, the elastic band sliding relative to the external face of the leaf, wherein the elastic band is adapted to be pulled over corners of the superimposed inner separation sheets so that
 - the separation sheets are adapted to secure notebook pages between the separation sheets, and
 - notebook pages attached to the binder are available for use.

2. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook of Claim 1, wherein each notebook page includes a scored line that is parallel to the binder, in proximity to the binder, and along which the notebook page can be detached in order to file the notebook page in a compartment between two adjacent inner separation sheets.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook according to Claim 1, wherein the tabs are located at different heights on the inner separation sheets.

5. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook according to Claim 1, wherein the front leaf invisibly covers the tabs of the inner separation sheets when the notebook is closed.

6. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook according to Claim 1, wherein the front leaf makes the tabs of the inner separation sheets visible and directly accessible when the notebook is closed.

7. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook according to Claim 1, wherein one of the front and back leaves includes flaps along upper, lower, and side edges.

Claim 8 and 9 (Cancelled).

10. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook according to Claim 1, wherein the binder includes a spiral.

11. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook according to Claim 1, wherein the notebook pages are perforated for filing in another notebook.

12. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook according to Claim 1, wherein compartments between the inner separation sheets can receive pages other than the notebook pages.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) The filing notebook of Claim ~~8~~1, wherein the closing means can be pulled entirely over the inner separation sheets.

15. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook according to Claim 4, wherein the front leaf invisibly covers the tabs of the inner separation sheets when the notebook is closed.

16. (Previously Presented) The filing notebook according to Claim 4, wherein the front leaf makes the tabs of the inner separation sheets visible and directly accessible when the notebook is closed.

Claim 17 (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) A filing notebook comprising:

a cover including a front leaf and a back leaf;

a binder joining the front and back leaves together;

inner notebook pages connected to the binder between the front and back leaves, wherein the notebook pages are detachable;

inner separation sheets with tabs inseparably connected to the binder for filing notebook pages separated from the binder between adjacent inner separation sheets of the notebook, wherein the inner separation sheets are located between the notebook pages of the notebook and one of the front and back leaves; and

at least one closing means including an elastic band fastened by rivets to one of the front and back leaves ~~by rivets via eyelets~~, the elastic band sliding relative to the external face of the leaf ~~via eyelets~~, wherein one of the front and back leaves includes flaps along upper, lower, and side edges which, when in a folded-down position with respect to the front or back leaf, form a pocket for storing inner separation sheets capable of containing therebetween notebook pages separated from the binder, and wherein the elastic band is adapted to be pulled over corners of the folded-down flaps storing inner separation sheets.